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1. EVENING AUGUST 21, INVITATION TO SOVIET NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION AT PLOVDIV FAIR SEPTEMBER 3 AT 1900 HOURS DELIVERED TO CHARGE. THIS CONFLICTS WITH US NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION SCHEDULED FOR SAME DATE AND TIME.

2. AT REQUEST OF EMBASSY, FAIR DIRECTOR NIGLIS SOUGHT URGENT MEETING TODAY WITH KIREV TO DISCUSS CONFLICT. KIREV STATED SIMPLY THAT BECAUSE OPENING DAY HAD BEEN ADVANCED OTHER EVENTS INCLUDING SOME NATIONAL DAY RECEPTIONS HAD ALSO BEEN MOVED UP. HE SUGGESTED THAT US NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER FOURTH. (APPARENTLY NATIONAL DAY RECEPTIONS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER FIFTH WERE NOT MOVED UP). NIGLIS EXPLAINED THAT CODEL WAS LEAVING BULGARIA THAT AFTERNOON. KIREV THEN ASKED IF US WOULD HOLD RECEPTION EARLIER SEPTEMBER THIRD IF HE COULD OBTAIN NECESSARY APPROVALS FROM HIS SUPERIORS. NIGLIS SAID HE COULD ONLY PASS ANY

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PROPOSAL TO THE EMBASSY FOR CONSIDERATION.

3. KIREV SUBSEQUENTLY UNAVAILABLE BUT DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN PARTICIPATION SPIRIDONOV TELLS NIGLIS THAT FAIR PROTOCOL DIRECTOR ANDREEV SAYS US RECEPTION CAN TAKE PLACE AT 1700 HOURS SEPTEMBER THIRD. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED CONFIRMING LETTER FROM FAIR AUTHORITIES.

4. FYI FAIR DIRECTOR VASIL KIREV TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 14 THAT BECAUSE FAIR OPENING WOULD BE ADVANCED TO SEPTEMBER SECOND, US COULD SCHEDULE NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION SEPTEMBER THIRD AT 1900. HE SAID SOVIET DAY RECEPTION WAS SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER FOURTH. EMBASSY RECALLED THIS CONVERSATION, CONFIRMED INTENTION TO HOLD RECEPTION SEPTEMBER THIRD AT 1900 HOURS, ANNOUNCED ATTENDANCE OF CODEL CEDERBERG AND HIS PLAN TO MAKE SPEECH ON OCCASION, AND ASKED FOR NAME OF BULGARIAN WHO WOULD RESPOND TO BEHALF OF GOB TO LETTER TO KIREV AUGUST 16.

5. DESPITE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF HOLDING RECEPTION FOR INVITEES WHILE FAIR GOUNDS AND OTHER PAVILIONS ARE STILL OPEN TO PUBLIC, EMBASSY PROPOSES TO ADVANCE TIME OF US RECEPTION TO 1700 TO AVOID APPEARING INTRACTABLE IF DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY CONCUR. (FORTUNATELY, INVITATIONS TO US RECEPTION HAVE NOT YET BEEN SENT AND NEW TIME CAN BE INKED IN.)  
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